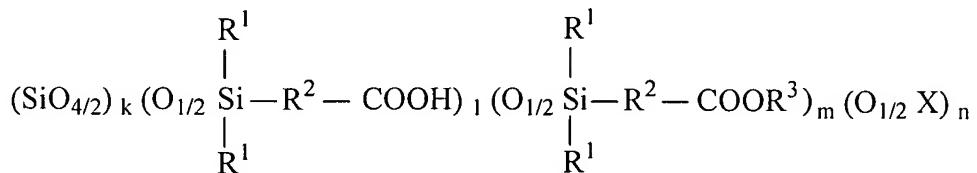


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

1. (Cancelled).

2. (Previously Presented) A silicon-containing polymer comprising the structure represented by formula 1 below as a main structural unit



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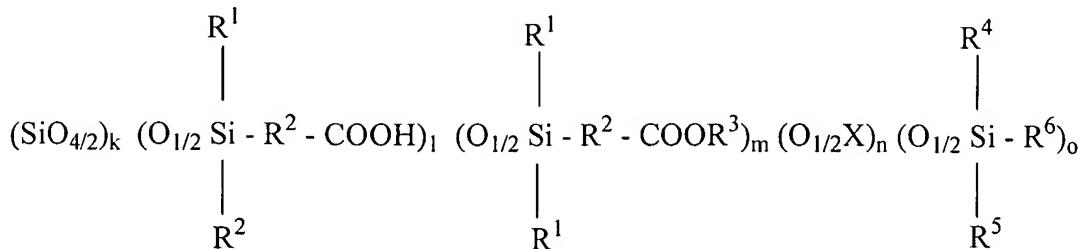
where R^1 represents a monovalent organic group, R^2 represents a direct bond or a divalent organic group, R^3 represents a monovalent organic group or an organosilyl group, any of which groups may be of different types, X represents hydrogen, a monovalent organic group or an organosilyl group, which groups may be of different types, k and l are positive integers, m is 0 or a positive integer and n is a positive integer, and these subscripts satisfy the following relationship

$$0 < \frac{1}{1 + m + n} \leq 0.8 \quad 0 \leq \frac{m}{1 + m} < 0.2$$

wherein at least some of the X groups are triorganosilyl groups.

3. (Original) A silicon-containing polymer according to claim 2, wherein said triorganosilyl groups include photosensitive crosslinkable groups.

4. (Previously Presented) A silicon-containing polymer represented by formula 2 below,



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where R^1 represents a monovalent organic group,

R^2 represents a direct bond or a divalent organic group,

R^3 represents a monovalent organic group or an organosilyl group, any of which groups may be of different types,

X represents hydrogen, a monovalent organic group or an organosilyl group, which groups may be of different types, wherein at least some of the X groups are triorganosilyl groups containing a photosensitive crosslinkable group and wherein the photosensitive crosslinkable group is chloromethylphenylethyl,

R^4 , R^5 and R^6 each independently represent a monovalent organic group, at least one of R^4 , R^5 and R^6 being a monovalent organic group containing chloromethylphenylethyl, wherein R^4 , R^5 and R^6 may be one or more different types of organic groups,

k , l and o are positive integers,

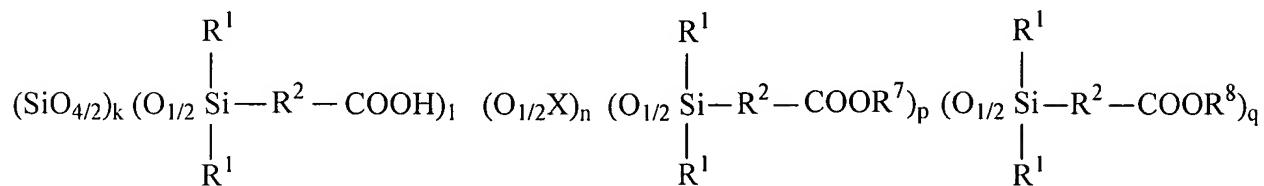
m and n are 0 or positive integers, and

these subscripts satisfy the following relationships:

$$0 < \frac{o}{1 + m + n + o} \leq 0.8$$

$$0 < \frac{1}{1 + m + n} \leq 0.8 \quad 0 \leq \frac{m}{1 + m} < 0.2$$

5. (Currently Amended) A silicon-containing polymer comprising the structure represented by formula 3 below as a main structural unit



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where R^1 represents a monovalent organic group, R^2 represents a direct bond or a divalent organic group, R^7 and R^8 are different from each other and each independently represent a monovalent organic group or an organosilyl group, any of which groups may be of different types, X represents hydrogen, a monovalent organic group or an organosilyl group, which groups may be of different types, k and q are positive integers, l , n , and p are 0 or positive integers, and these subscripts satisfy the following relationship:

$$0 \leq \frac{1}{1+n+p+q} < 0.5 \quad 0.1 < \frac{q}{1+n+p+q} \leq 0.8$$

wherein R^8 is a functional group that is eliminated by an acid catalyst.

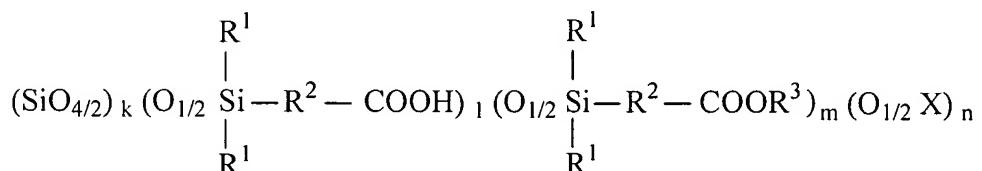
6. (Original) A silicon-containing polymer according to claim 5, wherein at least some of the X groups are triorganosilyl groups.

7. (Cancelled)

8. (Currently Amended) A silicon-containing polymer copolymer according to any one of claims 2 to 6 [[7]], where R^2 is $-(CH_2)_a-$ and a is an integer of 1-10.

9 - 17 (Cancelled).

18. (Previously Presented) A silicon-containing polymer comprising the structure represented by formula 1 below as a main structural unit



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where R^1 represents a monovalent organic group, R^2 represents a direct bond or a divalent organic group, R^3 represents a monovalent organic group or an organosilyl group, any of which groups may be of different types, X represents hydrogen, a

monovalent organic group or an organosilyl group, which groups may be of different types, k and l are positive integers, m is a positive integer, and n is 0 or a positive integer, and these subscripts satisfy the following relationship: $0 < l/(l+m+n) \leq 0.8$ and $0 < m/(l+m) < 0.2$.

19. (Previously Presented) A silicon-containing polymer according to claim 18, wherein at least some of the X groups are triorganosilyl groups.

20. (Previously Presented) A silicon-containing polymer according to claim 19, wherein said triorganosilyl groups include photosensitive crosslinkable groups.

21. (Currently Amended) A silicon-containing polymer copolymer according to any one of claims 18 to 20, where R^2 is $-(CH_2)_a-$ and a is an integer of 1-10.